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The Niagara College administration has been discussing the possibility of staff layoffs, but nothing has been finalized, Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara College president, said.

In an interview last Tuesday, Miss Robarts said, "Glenn Pevere, director of personnel, and Tony Knowles (dean of Technology) met with some executives of the faculty union to discuss the possibility of staff layoffs that might take place due to cutbacks by the federal government in adult training programs offered at the college.

"The federal government intends to provide only 70 per cent of the base amount of money that they spent on institutional seat purchases for adult training last year.

"Details of program cuts and persons who might be affected have not been finalized since the seat (purchase) negotiations with the federal government have not yet taken place," Miss Robarts said.

REVIEW PROGRAMS

A committee has been set up to review high-cost programs offered at the college.

Miss Robarts said, "Because of a projected shortfall in the grant revenue for 87-88, it has been necessary for a program review committee, made up of deans, chairmen, the executive director or administrative services and the registrar, to review all of the high cost programs in each school.

"Members of the faculty of these various programs have been requested to work with their chairmen to find ways to reduce costs to make these programs viable," she said.

Committee members spent a week reviewing all the recommendations which will be forwarded to the Board of Governors.

"At this time I cannot predict the outcome of these meetings," Miss Robarts said.

"The bottom line is we have to evolve a budget for 87-88 that will match expenditures to revenue available and not exceed those revenues."

Be my Valentine

Valentine's Day gifts

Cupid's expensive propositions

By PAT BAREVICH
Staff Writer

How do I love thee? Let me cost the ways.

Since Elizabeth Barrett Browning penned her famous love query, times have changed. To impress your lover these days takes imagination, panache and more than a few dollars.

Chocolates are always a good bet and a heart-shaped box bought at Shoppers Drug Mart in the Seaway Mall in Welland ranges in price from $5 to $25. Cards are available for $1 to $4. Yurchuk's candies in St. Catharines are all hand-made and dipped in their Welland Avenue store and range in price from $7.95 for half a pound to $44.95 for a fancy three-pound box.

Long-stemmed red roses are nice and at Emmon's Florist in Welland they'll cost you about $70 to $80 a dozen. Delivery is $1 extra and sales tax is applicable. Vine Floral in St. Catharines charges $55 a dozen and will deliver in the city for $2. The roses are boxed and come with a card to print your message on.

How about a lacy set of baby doll pjamas or a sexy negligee? At Venus Lingerie in Welland, baby dolls start at $20 and go up to about $40. A satin,nylon or polyester peignoir set ranges anywhere from $45 to $115 depending on the material and style. At the Erotique boutique in St. Catharines teddies come in all colors, cost from $31.98 to $49.98 and include lots of "lace and bows," sales staff Barb and Chris said. A pair of risque crotchless underwear with hearts go for $12.98 a pair and they sell g-strings if you're so inclined — they're only $7.98.

Going out to dinner is always nice and dinner for two at the Skylon Tower restaurant runs from $15.95 to $25.95 per person, drinks not included. Reservations are advised because all they have left are a couple of sittings at 5 p.m. or 9 p.m. Or how about the Top of Toronto restaurant at the CN tower — a mid-range meal there will cost about $23 to $25 per person and drinks are extra. A limousine, from Alexandre's Limousine Service to take you there, will cost $120 for the first two hours and $30 an hour after that, manager Bob Channell said.

How about a glass of champagne to sup before you go — that will cost you $82.25 for Dom Perignon, $30.95 for Mumm's and a paltry $7.95 for a bottle of Canadian domestic.

It might be cheaper to buy your champagne in France. To fly to Paris on Feb. 13 and return two days later would cost you $2,200 Canadian per person return from Toronto. A room at the Hotel George V runs 2,100 francs per night while lesser

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Could this be Niagara College's future? If the parking problems continue as they are Niagara College could have paid parking with kiosks such as the ones that are at Brock University. A solution must be found...and soon.

Photo by Phil Beatty

Brock's parking working well

Brock University converted 40 per cent of its main lot to paid parking this year and so far the system is working satisfactorily, Alan Pedler, director of administrative services at Brock, said.

Mr. Pedler said the paid parking policy, which, since September has involved three of the college's main lots including a section for metered parking, is working well and with very little complaint.

"No system works perfectly, but ours is working pretty well."

Parking at Brock now costs 50 cents in any one of three "choice" lots. The lots are considered choice because they are located so close to the buildings, Mr. Pedler said. "We left a lot of free parking spaces available further from the buildings so that the students had a choice, but they must like the pay lots better since they're jammed every day."

Paid parking has not only been financially beneficial in maintaining the condition of the lots, but has also been a benefit for certain students, Mr. Pedler said.

EMPLOY STUDENTS

"We employ 17 students to run the operation from 7:30 in the morning to 8:30 at night," he said. "That's a lot of hours to cover so the students work the kiosks (pay booths) in shifts."

Brock also employs campus police to issue city parking tickets to any illegal parkers.

"They're pretty thorough," Mr. Pedler said. "One day I forgot to tell them where I was parked and they gave me a ticket."

Three of four years ago, Brock was going through almost the same parking problems that Niagara College is experiencing now, Mr. Pedler said. "More people were coming to the university and since we were runnning short on parking space, they parked illegally to get as close to the buildings as possible.

"We had to pay for the installation and maintenance of new lots, so the decision to go with paid parking was made."

It costs $1.50 to park in a Mohawk College parking lot for the day, $3 for the week and $10 for the month; at Brock it costs 50 cents a day; at Niagara College it costs nothing.

Ford new chairman of College board

William Ford took over as chairman of the Niagara College Board of Governors replacing outgoing chairman Alex Elliott.

Hugh Cook became vice-chairman of the Board and chairman of the executive standing committee at the Jan.22 meeting. Chairmen for the other Board's standing committees are Betty Crockett, academic affairs; Gary Hoyle, audit review, and Dave Bessey, staff and student affairs.

Mr. Ford said he is looking forward to the new year and to working with the changes to the governing process announced by Colleges and University Minister Gregory Sorbara on Jan.14.

The changes mean one representative from each of the student body, faculty, administration and support staff will be on the Board. These members will not have voting rights.

"I'm looking forward to welcoming these four new members to the Board," said Mr. Ford. "It will be a break through to get them on the committees."

Mr. Ford said funding is the biggest problem facing colleges but he sees hope for the future. "Problems are in reality opportunities. The Liberal government and the minister for colleges and universities, Gregory Sorbara, made a real effort to meet with us, listen and talk to us."

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Valentine's

hotels in the city of lights go for about 500 to 1,500 francs — the current exchange is .2251 francs to the dollar, Masson's travel agent Julie Morrison said.

New York City is closer and it only costs $292 per person return for economy and $450 for a first class flight out of Toronto. A room in the Doral Hotel on Park Avenue will cost from $148 to $183 U.S. per night, Mrs. Morrison said.

The Plaza Athenee is a bit more exclusive at $230 to $260 U.S. per night.

If diamonds are a girl's best friend and Valentine's Day is dedicated to love, how could you go wrong with a diamond? Ernest Penner, a certified gemmologist in St. Catharines, said the value of a diamond is determined by its size, color, cut and clarity. The proportion and precision of the cutting is "where the beauty lies" Mr. Penner said. The clearer the diamond is with no hint of yellow or brown adds to its value as well. There are two standard cuts in a round diamond stone, Mr. Penner said. They are single cut which has 17 facets or full cut which has 58. The longer and more precise the cutting, — the more expensive the stone.

Perhaps none of these suggestions appeals to you. For $2 the Niagara News would have run your love letter — if it had been in on time; or there's always a heart-shaped pizza and a six-pack. Maybe Cupid delivers.

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SAC clarifies stand on pubs

By BOBBIE STOREY
Staff Writer

The Student Administrative Council has to juggle its funds because it is on a tight budget. Money will be taken out of surplus areas and put to more effective use, Kathleen Harvey, SAC president, said.

The budget for pubs will be decreased because the money is needed in more important areas. This does not mean there will be fewer pubs —it means there will be fewer on-campus pubs. These pubs will feature big bands so that more people will come, Kathleen said.

Pub surveys given out by class representatives indicate that students want both on and off-campus pubs. This year there have been five on-campus pubs; since there are only three months of school left, there will only be one or two more pubs on campus.

Some of the money saved will go towards travel and conferences which benefit students not just SAC, Kathleen said.

The conferences bring councils together from every college in Ontario to discuss common problems.

"We discuss everything that affects student life," Kathleen said.

SAC is also considering buying an electronic sign, a video screen for the cafeteria or television monitors with the money.

The 24-unit electronic sign would provide students with information. "It is an effective means of communication and will enable SAC to relate messages quickly to students," Kathleen said. Though located outside the SAC office, the sign would be mobile. It would have advertising which means it would pay for itself.

The video screen would be located in the cafeteria and would show videos, movies and Much Music. "Putting it in the cafeteria makes it accessible to more students than the one located in the Hamilton Room," Kathleen said.

Television monitors would be located throughout the school and would provide the students with information.

A tow truck from the garage of Pelino, Mataya and Molnar is hooking up a car parked in the no parking area around parking lot E. The area is clearly marked as no parking.
Photo by Martin Pokol

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The tow goes on

By LORI FLAXY
Staff Writer

About 10 cars blocking bus and fire routes of parking lot E were towed last week to keep the bus service on college property.

Half a dozen angry students complained to the Student Administrative Council that their cars had been towed. Donna Flutur, SAC office manager, said, "But there is nothing we can do; they were warned."

Welland Transit has no intention of pulling out its service on college property, Joe Hrechanyk, Welland Transit superintendent, said.

The situation appears to be much better than it was last week. We have no intention of pulling out of the college since we have received co-operation from the college to clear cars blocking the bus routes."

Jack Spittle, plant and property manager, said he called in two tow-truck companies to tow cars out of college driveways to make it safe for pedestrians and vehicles.

"They (the illegal parkers) have tested the system once too often," Mr. Spittle said.

"I don't feel happy about it but if it (the parking hazard) is going to inconvience others" (mainly the Welland Transit Bus system) then "the problem must be resolved."

The Welland transit expressed concern for more than three weeks about hazardous winter driving conditions. Illegally parked cars in parking lot E blocked buses and angered bus drivers. The drivers were afraid of sliding into parked cars or a pedestrian while trying to manoeuvre on the icy roadway and around the obstructing vehicles.

Last Monday morning seven cars were towed out of parking lot E sometime after 9 a.m. Mr. Spittle said he gave the illegal parkers more than enough warning and decided Friday, Jan 30, to tow on Feb 2, after seeing 15 illegally parked cars.

CRNC gets $550

Two-thirds of the money needed by the college radio station to install speakers has been donated by the Student Administrative Council.

CRNC was granted $550; "They will have to raise the other third of the money themselves," Kathleen Harvey, SAC president, said.

CRNC asked SAC for about $3,000 to raise school spirit and promote the radio station. The proposal included about $850 for the speakers; the rest of the money would provide records, a radio conference to be held at the college and a low power frequency to braodcast within a 10-mile radius of the college. Most of the proposal was to be considered for the future and the emphasis was put on the installation of speakers.

CRNC plans to install the speakers in the library, minicafeteria, SAC office, Fashion Boutique, second floor lounge of the Simcoe Building, the gymnasium and outside the SAC office.

Reps on board Feb. 19, SAC, union, nonunion

Representatives from student, union and nonunion groups will begin sitting on the Board of Governors on Feb. 19.

The Student Administrative Council, Administrative Staff Association, and locals 242 and 243 of the Ontario Public Service Employees' Union have been asked to name their representatives.

Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara College president, said the representatives will have "interim observer status based on guidelines the board has drawn up but will probably change when the ministry guidelines arrive."

The guidelines will probably be in effect until the end of May, since the board does not meet during the summer, she said. The ministry's guidelines should be in place by September.

"The board is anxious to get these people on the board so their concerns can be heard."

Govt. appoints reviewer to assess bargaining

TORONTO — Dr. Jeffrey Gandz, a professor of business administration at the University of Western Ontario, has been appointed a one-man commission to assess the effectiveness of the present collective bargaining process at the community colleges.

His appointment as collective bargaining commissioner for the colleges was announced last week by Gregory Sorbara, Minister of Colleges and Universities.

Dr. Gandz, who is to report by the end of the year at the latest, has had extensive experience with union-management relations in the educational sector and is a vice-chairman of the Grievance Settlement Board. He has written and taught widely on organizational behavior, industrial relations and human resource management.

Boost to Niagara, engineering to be co-op

Mechanical Engineering Technology and Manufacturing Engineering Technology will be going co-op next year.

"It would be an understatement to say I'm most pleased," Dr. Anthony Knowles, dean of technology, said.

Support from local industry and hard work by George Rowbottom, chairman of manufacturing/mechanical and construction division, persuaded the advisory committee to make a decision last week, he said.

Everyone is very optimistic that this will be a strong boost to Niagara College as a whole. The program will have more experienced graduates and this will satisfy the needs of local industry.

The major hurdle that had to be jumped for this type of co-op program to be set up was the slumping economy. In the last couple of years industry has begun to hire back its laid-off workers and this gives the co-op student the opportunity to be hired for his/her job placement.

"The main reason it was slow to come was because of the slow economy in the Niagara area," Dr. Knowles said.

LOST STUDENTS

Niagara lost a lot of students to Mohawk College and to Fanshawe, because their programs are co-op. The co-op mode delivers a broader educational experience to students giving them the opportunity of being hired at the firm which took them on for their placement, he said.

All the students who will be starting school in the fall will be automatically enrolled in the co-op programs; but the staff is still working through some of the logistics of when to phase the co-op mode into the first and second-year programs which are all ready in progress.

Present students welcomed the co-op idea as one enabling them to receive industrial training while making a bit of money as well, Mr. Rowbottom said.

"It's the only way to go; there is no other way," he said.

There is no firm commitment by the companies, but they did show a greal deal of interest in the program.

Some of the companies that have shown interest in acting as training hosts for the co-op students are: C.A.E. Industries, Canadian Bonded Abrasives, ITT-Aimco, Bradshaw-Stradwick, Diversitech General, TRE Incorporated, TRW, Jay Vee, Atlas Steels, Ford Glass, Ontario Paper, Fleet Industries, Greater Canada Colour, Domtar, Foster Wheeler, Automation Devices Ltd., F & B Tool and Die, Burlington Die Castings Ltd., Provincial Gas, Moyer Diebel, Acres International, General Abrasives, Hayes Dana, Marsh Engineering, Pratt and Huth, Horton CBI, Nabisco, and Inco.

There are more companies that are interested, but they are still in the process of finalizing their budgets for next year, Nelson F. Long, Training Consultant of Applied Science and Technology, said.

BE RELATED

The work the students do must be related to the program they are taking; they cannot be employed to sweep up, Mr. Rowbottom said.

These two programs will create "a full-time position for a liaison officer who will help identify positions that are available and work with the students and companies."

"We chose to do the preliminary work, because we had to see the viability of the program changed to co-op," Mr. Rowbottom said.

The driving force behind the change was the industrial advisory committee. This committee is made up of representatives from area industries, technicians, engineers, etc. The committee advises the college on industrial topics.

The committee was instrumental in bringing the manufacturing program to the college. The manufacturing engineering program started last September 1986.

"We are hoping for a lot of big things from this," Mr. Rowbottom said.

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Editorial

Forgotten faculty

As long as parking is a problem for the faculty there will be illegal parking. Tickets and towing will not cure the problem. What is needed is the designated parking spaces the teachers here need so badly.

There are three types of faculty here: co-ordinators who must leave the college from time to time due to outside activities, instructors who must meet required lecture periods, and part-time faculty who might arrive later in the day.

These people are finding it extremely difficult to find parking spots away from illegal areas. The only parking spots left over seem the farthest from the college.

If the teacher is late for a class, it is not only the teacher who suffers. Students waiting for the instructor will lose valuable class time.

The only way to remedy this problem is to provide the faculty with their own designated parking spots. These parking spots must be situated as close as possible to the building where the class is.

The question is: where do we find room for these parking spots? We could turn that large playing field on campus into one big parking lot. This would solve the parking lot problem.

The instructors would likely be glad to pay for their parking if they had a decent place to park.

Michael Schalk

Is it necessary?

Both the Student Administrative Council and the radio and television program want to raise our school spirit and ultimately, undoubtedly our fees.

Radio and television wants new speakers installed in different areas of the school, including the library. To some this is stereophonic heaven but to others this is just plain noisy.

SAC is going to get a mascot — a knight named Sir SAC. His job is to appear at special events to spread Niagara College's name and spirit. He has got his work cut out for him for he has to advertise for a school lacking in this quality. And it is highly unlikely that the clever mime of this jolly jouster will generate enough people to fill the bleachers of a Knights' basketball game.

And who will don this hot and stuffy suit of armor year after year? It is easy to foresee this $1,000 venture left to the cobwebs.

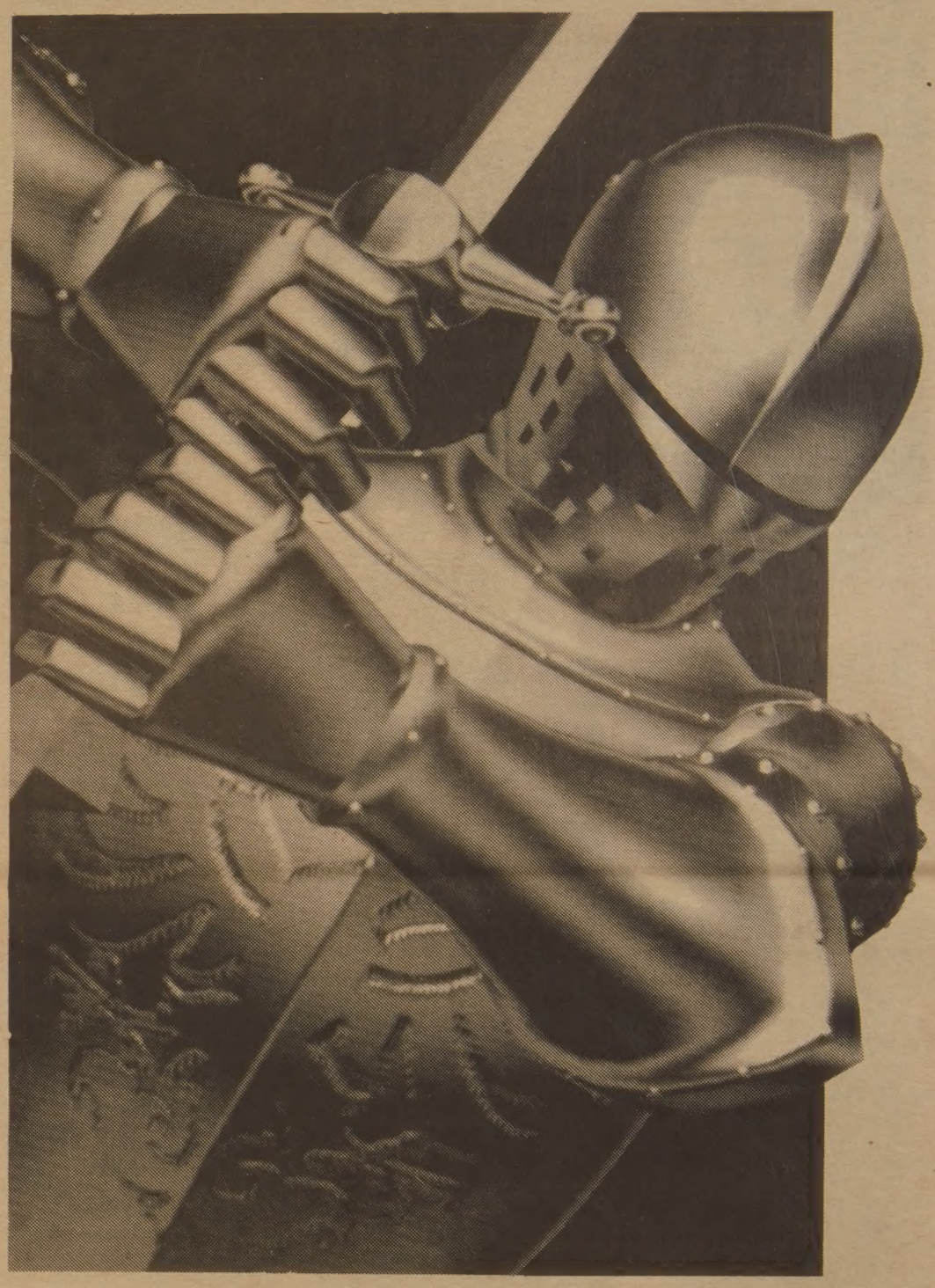
Despite these criticisms, both are very good acquisitions for the college because of their aim of providing school spirit and advertising. However the bottom line is money — money for something not everybody wants.

Sir SAC costs $1,150 and for this money they could have funded three more athletic scholarships or found a more important use. Why don't they invest in activities that will make money or even lose a little? After all SAC's purpose is for the students and not for the kiddies.

RTV is asking for $3,000 and if it's school spirit they want to create, with this money they might be able to buy three of their own mascots. Another alternative to speaker systems for RTV might be convert the journalism area from manual typwriters to electronic with these funds. This would certainly improve "our" school spirit. Of course, different students will have different demands.

In closing it is wrong to assume that everyone else in the college will want music in the hallways or a mascot, simply because others feel that it's best for the college.

Blair Carr



SAC mascot will lead the way

Bullpit

SAC $ benefit school, students

By LORI FLAXY
and BOBBIE STOREY
Staff Writer

The Student Administrative Council receives student fees to benefit the students and raise school spirit — not to benefit themselves or waste our money for the sake of it.

This year's council has done a tremendous job by providing affordable entertainment and support to the students of Niagara College.

SAC has sonspored: pubs, both on and off-campus, controversial speakers, donations that included a $5,000 donation to Cystic Fibrosis and $500 to United Way. SAC has made sure student concerns are heard by administration.

Kathleen Harvey, SAC president, attended conferences during the year which convinced her of the need for student representation on the Board of Governors, an issue which directly affects what each and every student does while attending college.

SAC took a big stand by organizing an Alcohol Awareness Week in the college to inform students on the hazards of drinking and driving. Jacqueline Robarts, college president, agreed it was a good idea.

NOT OUT TO ROB

Contrary to Blair Carr's editorial in this issue of the Niagara News, SAC is not out to rob the students. They provide the entertainment that the students want at the most reasonable price available.

The Radio and Television students were granted $550 out of an $850 proposal because the majority of students felt that money should be given to them to install speakers throughout the school to improve communications among students, faculty and administration.

The mascot "Sir SAC" will not be a stuffy suit of armor but a means of promoting the school in the community. The mascot would also promote SAC-sponsored events and get the students of Niagara College involved.

If students feel so outraged about what SAC spends their money on, then they have the right to go to the SAC office and voice their concerns.

Kathleen said many Student Administration Councils throughout Ontario are granted more money to manage student activities than at Niagara College. With their limited budget, this year's SAC has succeeded in satisfying student wants and needs.

Focus

on superstitions

Friday the 13th

By MAUREEN MARTIN
Staff Writer

Sufferers of triskaidekaphobia and anyone who is superstitious may want to hide this year since 1987 has been endowed with Friday the 13th — one this week, one in March and another in November.

Most people know the more common superstitions about black cats, broken mirrors and walking under ladders.

Walking under ladders is unlucky and breaking a mirror will bring seven years bad luck.

A black cat cutting across your path will bring you bad luck. However, if a black cat crosses the road in front of a man, he can avoid bad luck by taking the hem out of one of his pant legs — immediately.

Trying to find the origins of Friday the 13th paranoia is uncertain at best. There are almost as many theories as superstitions.

Friday in general has long been held as an unlucky day. People are warned not to start a new job, call a doctor or begin a sea voyage on a Friday. It is even considered unlucky to pay a debt on a Friday — convenient if one happens to be broke.

Friday is also a day of ill fortune because it is the day on which Christ was crucified. This Christian view differs from earlier pagan traditions which held Friday as the day of the love goddess.

The caution surrounding the number 13 is more widespread than many people think. Hotel and apartment buildings are careful not to have a 13th floor. Some builders and local authorities are even cautious about assigning a house number 13.

Last supper

The reason for uneasiness about the number 13 is uncertain. It could be strengthened by the fact that 13 sat down to the Last Supper and the ancient Romans associated 13 with death and misfortune.

The root reason may be that 13 is one more than 12, which is a number of completeness — the year has 12 months — and so it has the implication of dangerously exceeding natural limits.

Some may find the history interesting but the fact is people want to survive Friday the 13th.

A rabbit's foot is good luck, but it must be the right rear foot to be effective. Good luck charms must never be purchased. They will only work if they are gifts from someone else.

It is an omen of good luck if a strange black cat visits a home for a short period of time — staying could mean bad luck.

Finding a pin or four-leaf clover is lucky as is finding a button and carrying it in your pocket.

Making love while picking cotton brings good luck — how much trouble could this cause?

Basically, that is the key to surviving Friday the 13th — watching for trouble, not making love.

Be positive and look for the bright side of whatever happens. After all, Friday the 13th only lasts 24 hours — knock on wood.

Hopeful job seekers must be prepared

How to get a job and hold on to it — these are essential things to know, Carole Peeler, manager of Manpower Temporary Services in Welland, said.

Mrs. Peeler was speaking to retail management-co-op students Jan. 29 about interviewing techniques, what employers look for in employees, resume writing and how to present oneself to a prospective employer.

Success

"Being well prepared is going to be the difference between each and every one of you getting a job, holding onto that job and being successful in you careers."

In 1985 and 1986 there has been a 25 per cent increase in positions in all areas of the economy, she said.

Manpower Temporary Services on 49 Dorothy St., helps people find jobs. When a company or business needs qualified help, Manpower supplies it.

"One thing that every employer looks for in that prospective employee, just one thing" is a good attitude. One can adapt to skills, and grooming can be improved on. Employers want a good work attitude.

Employers check references for working attitude, reliability, punctuality and productivity. "What you do in school can follow you."

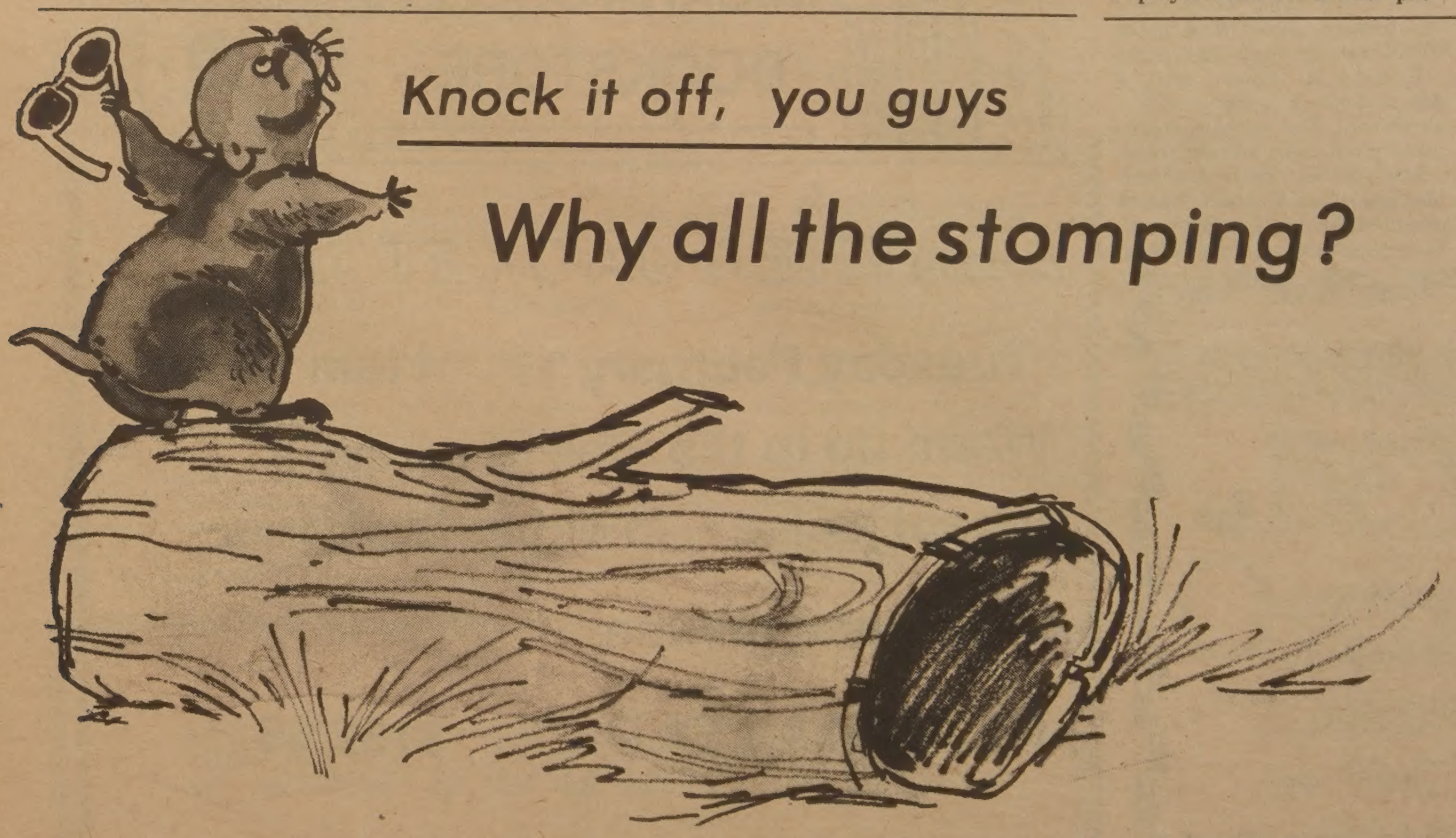
"Be imaginative and original in your cover letter," she said.

Employers look for creativity. A resume should be no more than two pages long and not contain a whole life's history.

"When you fish you use bait. When you do your resume you're actually fishing."

Homework

She advised students to do their homework before going to an interview, to find out what the company does, how they think they will be able to fit in and be prepared to answer questions. "But most important, be yourself — not overbearing or aggressive."



Knock it off, you guys

Why all the stomping?

Groundhog Revisited: The following up-to-the-minute report on the groundhog arrived too late for the Feb. 2 edition. We print it as a public service to elucidate the situation for our readers.

By SUZANNE HERNANDEZ
Staff Writer

Groundhog lovers everywhere, especially those in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, where the animal is said to come from, had better brace themselves for some bad news about their furry little rodent friend.

Legend had it that on Feb. 2 the groundhog sticks his tiny head out of his burrow and looks around. If it is sunny and the groundhog can see his shadow, he becomes frightened and crawls back into his hole; this means there will be six more weeks of winter ahead. If it is cloudy, the groundhog comes out of his burrow; this means that spring is on the way.

Survey

Doesn't the groundhog seem a bit odd? Any normal rodent would leap out of its burrow or whatever, at the first sign of the sun. This strange habit, coupled with the fact that a survey done over a 60-year period indicates the groundhog's predictions have been right only 28 per cent of the time, leads to only one conclusion: the groundhog is a lush.

Instead of hibernating all winter, as he should do, the groundhog invites all his friends from neighboring burrows to a big party which lasts most of the winter.

On Feb. 2, when the groundhog sticks his head out of his burrow, he has a hangover. On a sunny day he can't stand the glare because it gives him a headache. On a cloudy day, he stumbles out of his burrow and goes in search of some nice cool snow to bury his throbbing head.

Remember

So the next time Pennsylvanians go bounding across Gobbler's Knob, or rather pounding, they should spare a thought for poor Grover, the groundhog with a terrible hangover.

Baby boy gets gifts

Staff and faculty members of the Mack Nursing Centre in St. Catharines honored David William Dell at a party Jan. 27.

Master Dell was greeted with "several gifts including a lovely wagon for a little boy," Lois Millar, chairman of nursing, said.

David was born Dec. 27 to David and Donna Dell of Niagara Falls. Mrs. Dell has been a typist-stenographer at the nursing school since 1984.

The preparations for the baby shower were done by Peggy Van Schyndel and Susan Hall, both employees at the college's satellite campus.

Sarah Biamonte and Carol Ann MacKinnon "opened up their home" to the 38 people who attended the gathering, Mrs. Millar said,

David Junior weighed seven pounds two ounces.

LET'S SEE YOU DO IT... OUTDOORS!

PARTICIPACTION

Oil drums make music for Sunburst Steel Band

By PAT BAREVICH
Staff Writer

In the hands of a skilled craftsman, a discarded 45-gallon oil drum becomes an unlikely musical instrument. Add a group of convivial, committed players and you have the beginnings of a steel band.

The Sunburst Steel Band of St. Catharines began in 1981 as Twin City Steel, when Don Furry and Ivan Chamberlain purchased a set of steel pans with a Wintario grant. Its first engagement consisted of four songs played by seven members.

Now there are more than 15 band members and their repertoire of 25 songs is constantly changing. The music ranges from classical to modern, to 50s hits, to reggae and calypso. Members, all unpaid volunteers ranging in age from 19 to 55, come from all walks of life.

Wendy Weadick, band manager, emphasized the fact the band gets no financial aid. "We have a lot of fun, but we don't get any funding," even though Mrs. Weadick considers the band "goodwill ambassadors" for the city.

Trevor Walcott, the music arranger for the Sunburst Steel Band shows Sandy Furry which notes to play on her double steel pans. In the background from left to right are Lynda Lawrie, Josie Macpherson and Stephen Perez, band captain.

Wendy Weadick, the steel band's manager.

Photo by Pat Barevich

Earnings

Any money the band does earn goes into buying new instruments and for travel expenses. Usually the band rents a 15-foot cube van to transport the more than 30 steel pans, Mrs. Weadick said. Its engagements range from concerts, to weddings, to parades and benefits at old age homes.

Although the steel drums used as instruments are "going to be discarded anyway," and are "fairly easy to aquire," it takes a skilled hand to hammer them into a musical instrument, band captain Stephen Perez said.

This job is done by Joe Sobers, a native Trinidadian, who comes to Canada each summer on a work visa. Mr. Sobers tunes the pans, which is a "pretty technical job," Mr. Perez said. "It takes a trained ear to hear the music's overtones."

The first step in creating a musical steel pan is to cut the depth of the pan using a hacksaw. The deeper the pan, the lower the notes it produces, Mr. Perez said. Then, a regular hammer is used to pound the steel drum to "tighten the capacity of the steel."

A grooving tool is used to make raised or lowered circles on the pan which become separate musical notes. The more notes a pan plays, the greater the number of circles hammered into it. Tenor pans, which carry the melody, have more notes than lower sounding brass pans.

It takes Mr. Sobers about a day to make a single pan, Mr. Perez said. The pan is tuned to piano pitch using a tuning fork.

Mr. Perez and Richard Mathison said steel bands orignated in Trinidad and Tobago sometime in the 1940s. Originally the pans were hammered into half which produced only two musical notes and they were played during Mardi Gras. Now steel pans are either chromed or painted and contain a full complement of notes.

A basic steel band consists of a minimum of 21 steel pans, Mr. Perez said, but the Sunburst band has more than 35 pans. There are seven tenors, two double tenors, two double seconds, one guitar, two cellos, one high bass, two low bass, a drum set and a rhythm section.

The guitar refers to a set of three steel pans which plays chords like a guitar and a cello consists of three pans. Low bass is played on a set of six steel pans.

A highlight of the band's career had to be playing in Trinidad in August, 1986, Mrs. Weadick said. They played in Port-of-Spain's Woodford Square and were well received.

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Country life helps relieve stress following busy detective work

By LORI FIAXY
Staff Writer

On the farm he rides horses, sows crops and plows fields, but on the streets of Welland he solves mysteries and chases criminals.

Doug Hargreaves, 28, a graduate of the Niagara College law and security program, relaxes from his police work on his 50-acre farm in Fenwick with his wife, Tara.

They have two German Shepherd dogs, a cat and eight pleasure horses. The farm is just a hobby but in just three short years he has started to make the farm pay off by growing crops of winter wheat, oats and hay.

Not all of the horses belong to them though. They board four horses for other people and plan to expand the house and the nine-stall barn in the future. He said farming is expensive because the equipment needed to run the farm is costly but this has not stopped him.

For pleasure he rides his chestnut Quarter horse mare, Shady Oaks Miss, along the railroad tracks across the road from his farm and on their cross country jump course that occupies about 15 acres of their property.

SHADY OAKS MISS AND DOUG HARGREAVES

Stressful

"Many of the officer's I work with are part-time farmers," probably due to the stress involved with police work, he said.

Tara said, "It's more stressful being the wife because I'm always worried" about whether Doug will come home safe.

Doug shares his interest in horses with other police officers and occasionally they go trail blazing in the Shorthills Park in Pelham. Bruises and broken bones are not an uncommon outcome of some rides when they get lost or take a wrong trail. In some cases trail riding turns out to be more hazardous then his police work.

On Jan. 1 Doug was promoted to detective at the Welland Detachment after working as a uniformed constable for nine years.

During his work on the police force as an officer, he served on the Emergency Task Force (ETF) in Welland for six years and four of those years he was team leader for this area. "The ETF is like a SWAT team" which does drug and house raids and is called in to apprehend barricaded gunmen who may have hostages, he said.

The ETF members require weapons training with assault rifles and machine guns. "We performed rescues in the water and rapelled cliffs" — which is sliding down a rope on the side of a steep gorge. The team also "assaulted apartment buildings" — rapelling down the side of the building to gain the element of surprise.

Doug said officers only resort to deadly force when their life is endangered. If they have to shoot, they shoot for the chest which is the largest part of the body.

Police officers have a good working knowledge of the three provincial statues most often used: the Liquor Licence Act, the Highway Traffic Act and the Criminal Code.

He put most of his calls into two categories: domestic problems and fights, assaults and thefts.

Crimes

While driving in the police cruiser he would check out anything unusual. Many times he would catch people drinking or smoking drugs in a car behind the Seaway Mall or, while driving down the street, he would see someone breaking into a house. If he needed help, back-up cruisers were called in.

"Technically you're a policeman 24 hours a day," he said.

"We tend to keep an eye on industrial buildings" because they are usually empty and isolated at night and early in the morning.

Some of his police work has been tense. He has only fired at a suspect once which involved a high speed car chase which damaged six police cruisers a few years ago.

Doug said he enjoys his police work as well as his work around the farm. His new role as a detective should be challenging and rewarding.

Valentines $$$ donation

The Student Administrative Council will donate $1 for each person attending the Valentine Pub at the Aquaduck this Wednesday to the Niagara Peninsula Rehabilitation Centre's expansion campaign.

The centre, which serves the entire region, is seeking $1.5 million to meet increasing demands.

The pub will feature The Dating Game and The Newlywed Game.

Women's Place aids battered women

By BOBBIE STOREY
Staff Writer

Women who are beaten may return to their husbands out of fear, but they do not have to. Women's Place, a member agency of the United Way, is there to help.

Women's Place offers counselling, support, safety and a place to stay for battered women.

The government allocates millions of dollars to the issue of women battering. However, this was not always true, Mae Harry, executive director of Women's Place, said. In 1982 a representative in the House of Commons from Vancouver cited a statistic in the house from a 1980 report on the status of women. It stated that one out of 10 women living with a man is being abused. The men in the house laughed.

"This was the best thing man has done for women since he beat them over the head with a club and dragged them by their hair," Mae Harry said.

High estimates

The government is doing a study on the number of women being beaten by their husbands. Their estimates say one out of five women is beaten. Workers at transitional homes have predicted that the true figure may be even higher, perhaps one out of three.

The last official statistic, that one out of 10 women is beaten — would mean that in the Niagara Region last year, 20,000 women were beaten and 1½ million across the country.

If each family had 1.5 children, then 132,000 nation-wide were exposed to violence in their homes.

"The women feel that the most important thing we offer is a safe house," Ms. Harry said.

Women's Place, located in Welland at a confidential address, gives women an alternative. Women can stay in the house up to 12 weeks or more depending on their circumstances. When they are ready to go out on their own, they have the option of joining a follow-up program.

Women's Place is not against women going back to their husbands if the woman thinks the marriage is salvagable, but the woman is responsible for her actions.

The program provides women who might otherwise feel isolated with support that they might feel is gone after leaving Women's Place. When they are on their own they feel "isolated."

"With this support women are less apt to return to a continually abusive situation," Ms. Harry said. "We help the women find strength within themselves."

There is a pattern to abuse. The first stage is called "tension building"; this is name-calling and other forms of emotional abuse. Next comes physical assault. Finally, there is the "hearts and flowers" stage in which the man feels remorse for his actions; he makes promises and asks the woman to stay with him. However, he "usually does not follow through with his promises."

There is counselling for men who abuse called A Design For A New Tomorrow.

Women's Place started Feb. 8, 1981, and was subsidized by a three-year diminishing grant. Four months later the staff and 65 volunteers were trained and the house was rented from Welland Co-op housing. Recently the house was purchased by Women's Place.

Crisis line

Women's Place has a 24-hour crisis line which has received 2,023 calls since it started. The number is 788-0113.

Volunteers who work on the lines are trained to respond to the needs of the distressed person calling.

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Jail is not cool: Ex-con describes prison life, hierarchy, violence and pain

By SUSAN DORSEY
Staff Writer

Jail is not as cool as some teenagers may seem to think. It is a place where might makes right and the fittest survive. For one 22-year-old, it took three years of his life but he realizes his mistake and has made a personal pact with himself.

"Jail is a lonely place to be...three years of my life has been wasted because of stupidity in my teenage years," Joe Hans, (not his real name) ex-convict, said.

"I have never been as scared as when I entered jail," he said, as the old fear returned to his face. "It's a cruel place to be."

At 18, Joe began a life that would keep him busy for three years.

Influenced by his friends he began to steal. "I thought it was cool to go to jail at the beginning, all my other friends had done time and it made me fit in," he said with a half smile on his face. "The smile is not because I think it's funny, it's because I don't believe I was so stupid.

Not funny

"I thought it made me look tough; the first time I got out I was proud of it and my friends thought I was stupid.

"Once I got a big sentence"... (he stopped and daydreamed for a moment). He grabbed his head as he said, "It's not funny any more and you swear up and down, you wished you had never done it.

"Jail is a lot different than being on the streets. It is a totally different situation.

"The buckets are the rough places, a bucket is a holding centre like Thorold.

"Jail also has a different type of language."

The word goof seems like a friendly insult "on the streets" but in jail it means fight. "If some one calls you a goof you have to fight because if you don't you'll get dummied."

"Dummied" means being beaten until a prisoner bleeds all over his body.

"It's not a pretty sight; it happened to me once, only once, and I'm thankful for that, he said, as his face contorted from fear to happiness.

In jail, fighting is the main time consumer; by fighting one moves up the social ladder. There are weeks when no fights take place and tension builds.

"After one fight, you are certain others will follow. The calm is the time that scares you. When you are the one to be beat up, you're the last to know, and then it happens.

"If you get beat then you have 10 other guys who want to go you.

"One thing you have to remember, you're locked up with the same guys 24 hours a day except when you're in your cell but you can't hide forever.

"In jail friends are what you need; if you don't have friends you start to make enemies for no reason in some cases.

Sex offenders

"Sexual offenders go into protective custody, because they are at the bottom rung of the social ladder and are constantly being beat up.

"No one likes them. The guards are in on scams with the prisoners to have some of them taken care of, if you know what I mean."

On the other end of the scale are "penitentiary guys." They are respected by almost everyone in the institution. These men are the ones who have served more than two years and are back in on a lesser charge.

"In some cases jail turns into home; the guy becomes used to jail and can't handle society, they do crimes, so they can return.

"They know the ropes and feel they can get further in jail than on the streets," he said with a grimace. "I don't understand that."

Joe described being in jail like being a caged animal — all freedom is taken away.

"The only thing you can choose is if you want to eat, sleep or go to the bathroom; its very restricting."

No freedom

The freedom he described is taken away for five to 10 minutes every hour for a head count; the men have to stay where they are until it is completed.

"You can get six months for escaping but some guys think its worth it; I even thought about it once," he said, as that half smile returned.

"I was in the laundry department and it crossed my mind because it looked so easy; I only had one guard watching me. I told my friend about it and I was removed from the department two days later."

Joe said during this time it felt as if they could almost read his mind. "It was really strange."

For the last three months of his sentence Joe was placed in a halfway house in Toronto. Halfway houses are set up to help the men establish themselves into the community.

"They are needed because a lot of guys get out of jail with nothing and it helps them get started," he said.

The men do not have to worry about food or rent. Rent is paid if they begin to work. If they are not working they are out looking for jobs and the staff helps to set up interviews until a job is found.

"I remember the day I got my papers from the house saying I was free; freedom never tasted so good."

Joe has been out of jail for almost a year and says he plans never to go back.

"For anyone out there who is getting in trouble now I say think twice, it's not a picnic in jail. "The only thing certain in jail is that you'll get in a fight and you'll get hurt bad.

No win

"I'm glad I realized that jail was a no win situation when I did or I might still be there; it might have taken me a while to straighten out but the good thing is I did."

Joe is on the straight and narrow; he has entered the Futures program with Manpower and finished his training last Friday.

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Karen Young cuts the ribbon to signify the opening of the revamped Mountain House, located next to the Horticulture Centre. Standing next to Karen is Albert Heemskerk (left), a student active in the labor and co-ordinator Tom Ball (right).
Photo by Blair Carr

New, improved Mountain House blossoms into place of beauty

By BLAIR CARR
Staff Writer

That beat up old house has always been special but now, thanks to some hard-working horticulture students, it has blossomed into a place of beauty.

The official opening of the new and improved Mountain House showed the students' hard work in renovating its interior. It is a separate house from the main campus, used by students as a lounge, lunchroom and study hall.

"It means no longer eating lunch in the hallway (and) a sense of pride in what we've done — it's our house," Albert Heemskerk, a first-year student, said. This past year the place had been closed to fix up, but since 1971 it has been used by students.

AFTER HOURS

Karen Young co-ordinated the group effort. John Taylor, Dwayne Jackson, Chris Stanley and Albert Heemskerk worked after school and Saturdays, totalling an estimated "150-175 man hours." The operation began in October, 1986, and ended Jan. 26. They stripped and sanded all woodwork, varnished and re-painted the walls and ceilings.

John Coles, plant and property, said money for materials such as paint came from his department and totalled "a couple of thousand" dollars.

Similar work has been attempted but there has never been a "concentrated effort" before, Mr. Coles said, praising Karen's leadership.

"They deserve a lot of credit and I just hope they keep it."

WAS CLOSED

The house has been closed in the past because of damage during pubs, Mr. Coles said.

Ninety-nine point nine per cent of the students will look after the house. It's that "one yahoo," Mr. Coles said.

Maintenance workers from the plant and property department installed plumbing, wiring and electrical work. They repaired holes in the walls and retiled the floor.

The house is open during school hours. Rules force all students to take off their shoes before entering and smoking is restricted to one room.

The house was the former home of Dr. William Mountain, first chairman of the advisory committee for the horticulture program.

Student Administrative Council representatives Glenn Brinker and Albert Heemskerk plan to ask SAC for money to purchase a television set and furniture.

At the Welland campus, during double lunch hours, students are treated to movies, Albert said.

"We feel it's only fair that we can have entertainment during school hours."

Graduation photographs

Last chance for graduation photographs. University Photographers will be taking pictures Feb. 11 to Feb 20, for the Niagara College Yearbook.

The Student Administrative Council requires $5 in advance to book the sitting.

Graduates receive a free graduation book compliments of SAC at the end of the term.

Going for cold dip in North Atlantic

By DOUGLAS IVES
Staff Writer

It is amazing the things people are willing to do for a thrill.

The end of April is not the best time to be going for a dip in the north Atlantic but that didn't stop us.

The temperature was below freezing and a cold wind blew the lightly falling snow across the sand. The ground was hard under my neoprene boots as I walked towards the ocean.

I still wasn't totally convinced that I would go in. I thought for a minute of the trouble and expense we went through to get involved in this sport — and went in.

Cold water

The cold water hit me like a two-by-four. I stood in the water up to my knees for a few seconds while my body temperature warmed the water trapped in my boots. The waves were not particularly large on that day two years ago but I was going to have fun if it killed me.

I walked forward carrying my bodyboard under my arm as the waves broke higher on my body. Both my friend and I knew we couldn't stay in long; all we wanted was one good ride.

The waves at Lawrencetown beach were erratic. Lawrencetown N.S. is known as "Chase-a-peak Bay" in surfing circles and that day was no different.

We both laughed at the stupidity of the situation and vowed not to go in again until the weather warmed up.

I first got the idea to take up bodyboarding the year before because I loved the beach and was there almost every sunny day.

We got our boards sent to us from a shop in Florida, wetsuits from a local windsurfing store. By the time we paid the customs and shipping costs, we were anxious to hit the beach.

DOUGLAS IVES

The board is about four feet by three feet. It is handmade from closed cell foam and has a slick bottom. It is used with a pair of fins to help get through the breakers.

When the waves break slowly from a distant storm and an offshore wind blows warm from the land, conditions are at their best.

Perfect day

One perfect day remains in my mind and makes all the long drives to the beach worthwhile.

It was a warm June day after a night of thunder and lightning. The clouds were moving rapidly in the sky.

I drove to the beach as always not expecting much in the way of waves. I drove past the old house on the hill which overlooks Lawrencetown and at the top of the hill I could see the white water as waves curled slowly and broke 30 yards from shore.

There was nothing better than catching a wave just right and seeing the daylight disappear as it broke over your head.

The wave's energy can pick you up and place you on the beach like a piece of driftwood. Lawrencetown beach isn't always the friendliest place to swim, its ripe tides kill about one person ever summer.

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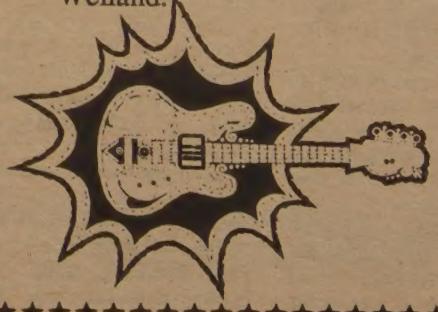

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Co-ed winners

The co-ed intramural volleyball winners are: from left, Harry Classen, Brian Ash, and Brian Bylmsa, and in front, Jacquie Boilard; intramural volleyball began Jan. 13 to Jan.22.

Photo by Donna Morrison

Untouchable

The intramural women's volleyball winners are: in back Jacquie Boilard, middle row, left, Les Davies and Sue Biro, and in front, Terry Fidler; they defeated the challengers in three straight sets for the win.

Photo by Donna Morrison

Sports

Pat Flynn

Returning after 10 years, hockey player works hard

By DOUGLAS IVES
Staff Writer

The veteran six-foot-one right winger is one of the first players on the ice for a late Monday practice in the cold Welland Arena. During the practice, just as in the games, he works hard the whole time on the ice.

For Pat Flynn, 31, playing hockey for Niagara College is a way to vent his frustrations. "A good practice clears the mind and then it's back to the books."

It was really back to the books this fall for Pat after being away from college for more than 10 years.

Pat is back to finish the diploma in financial management which he started in 1974 after one year of general college.

The transition from full-time work to school was not difficult for Pat.

Discipline

"It was just a matter of getting into the system and disciplining myself to do the homework," Pat said. "I can't come home and relax like I would after work."

Pat credits his classmates and teachers for making the transition easy. "I'll have to say I have a super class, everyone is willing to help each other and the teachers have been great."

Although Pat wasn't exactly sure when he was last at Niagara College ("around 10 years ago") or the number of points he has this season ("you'll have to ask Fred that") he did remember without hesitation that he was married July 18, 1981. His wife, Barb, will be proud.

But that's the type of guy he is: uncomplicated, straightforward and sincere.

"He was my captain, (in the 1976-77 season) a good strong right winger who controlled the play in front of the net," Coach Fred Bassi said. "He is a team leader and although he's not as fast as he was, he is a smarter player. He has the strength around the net. Guys like him are valuable.

"Basically I'm a grind-it-out player, the physical game is my type of game," Pat said.

He did notice one thing about going back to school and playing college hockey again.

"It takes longer to get into shape than 10 years ago. The first half I didn't feel I was playing as well as I could but it is starting to come around. I'm feeling really comfortable out there now."

Promising

Pat played Intermediate hockey in Fort Erie and Port Colborne after leaving the college and in the last couple of years has been refereeing minor hockey.

The veteran said a playoff spot looks promising. "With the addition of the new players, everyone is working hard and if we don't get swelled heads because we won a few games, we have a shot at third place, not just the last playoff spot. Everyone has to play hard for 60 minutes."

Pat said hockey has changed from his first days at Niagara. "We played in a different league. The schools were bigger and had more players to pick from."

Pat is confident his diploma, which he gets next year, will open new doors to a good job in the financial world. Pat is carrying an average of 78 in his program.

He is interested in accounting and the stock market and is getting experience helping his wife run her business.

Pat's wife, a high school teacher, started a part-time business along with two other women in November. Called Occasions, it is designed to arrange parties for people in their homes or for businesses, taking care of all the details. "I help set up the books but it is her business."

Pat will be back at school next year working hard, playing hockey and studying. "I wish I didn't wait so long in returning."

PAT FLYNN

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Knights edge out High School all-stars

By DOUGLAS IVES
Staff Writer

The Knights defeated a Welland high school all-star team 6-5, Jan. 31.

The game was played at the Welland Arena and the proceeds went to the Rick Hansen Man in Motion World Tour.

The game started slowly with both teams trying to get a feel for one another.

The first period was scoreless but Niagara did outshoot the all-stars 11-6.

The Knights were told by coach Fred Bassi to go easy on the hitting which affected their play throughout the game.

Wayne Conn got Niagara on the board first with a deflection of a shot from Brian Millejours. They continued to press the play in the all-stars' end. The pressure paid off with goals from Neil MacDonald and another from Wayne Conn.

The all-stars got two back with less than five minutes in the second period. Their next goal came when Niagara goalie Tony Celli didn't cover the angle on a shot from the face-off circle.

3 GOALIES

Niagara used three goalies for the game, each playing a period. Kirk Patterson ended the first period with a shutout facing a total of six shots. Tony Celli and Mark Bush played the next two periods but didn't fare as well as Patterson.

Celli turned back nine shots in the second allowing two goals. Bush faced seven shots and let in three goals.

The all-stars' goalie had a better night facing 38 shots and allowing six goals. Jeff Walters made some great saves near the end of the game.

The biggest save of the game came when the score was tied with less than five minutes remaining. Neil MacDonald broke out of his end on a breakaway but was stopped by Walters.

MacDonald got his revenge seconds later coming up with the winning goal. Pat Flynn scored Niagara's only other goal of the period.

The game got a little rough at the end as frustration grew on the Niagara bench after the all-stars tied the game.

Niagara player Devis Milani was given a game misconduct for fighting.

The Niagara coaching staff said the game went as expected. Coach Fred Bassi said all but one of the four games they played were close. The players weren't motivated going into the game.

Assistant coach Cam Wilson said everyone was trying to do too much as individuals and not playing as a team.

Both coaches felt the game would not adversely affect the team in its upcoming games against the league leader St. Bonaventure which were to be played last weekend.

Hear it on Grapevine

All the world may or may no. be a stage but actors lurk throughout Niagara College.

Joel Rinzler, first-year theatre arts student, would like to see students from all over the college participate in Grapevine Theatre.

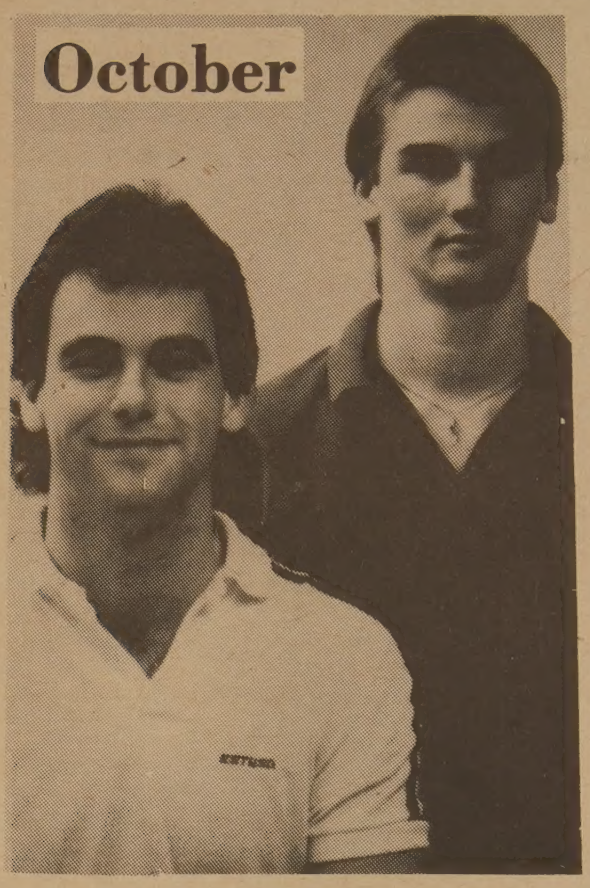
Students at the Theatre Centre are taking everything they learn and are putting it into their own productions as a chance to gain additional experience.

Other than a chance to act, the theatre is trying to promote "a better relationship" between the Welland campus and the Theatre Centre.

"Being a satellite campus, we don't always know what's happening," he said.

Sports

Athletes of the Month



Tim Kemp, left, and Rick Holt were chosen athletes of the month for last October, ending the season with a bronze medal and a fourth place finish in the Ontario Colleges Athletics Association in London, Oct. 3 and 4.

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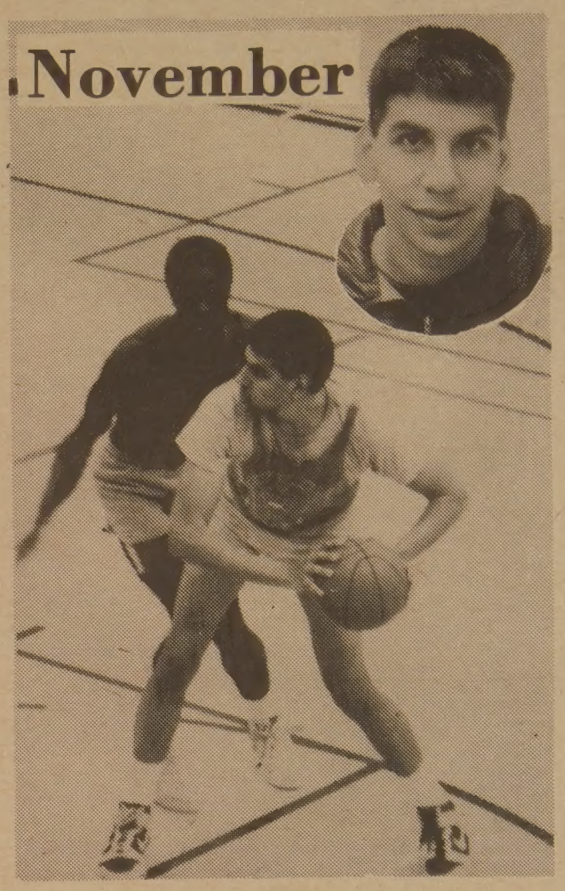

Knights player Fred Jason — holding the ball as he looks for the open man — is athlete of the month for November. At six-foot-eight, he plays center position on the Niagara Nights men's basketball team.

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Niagara Knights player Donna Stonos, athlete of the month for December, tries to grab the ball from D'Youville player, Pam Covell's hands; the exhibition game was played Jan. 31 against D'Youville College of Buffalo. The Knights defeated their opponents 60-39 at the college gym

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All-around team effort defeats D'Youville College

By DONNA MORRISON
Staff Writer

For the first time this season, all Niagara players scored when the women's basketball team defeated D'Youville College of Buffalo 60-39 in an exhibition game at the college gym Jan. 30.

The Knights came out strong with precise passes, tough defence, and excellent scoring; the team looked organized and their playing exemplified that. To prove how strong the defence was, they prevented D'Youville from scoring until 16:40 of the first half. The team relaxed on the rebounds in the first few minutes, but showed good hustle down the court.

Niagara's careless fouls during the last few minutes of the first helped D'Youville score, but the Knights, who led by 13 at one point, held on to enter halftime leading 28-19.

Sue Sbrizzi led the Knights in scoring with 19, followed by Laura Monaghan with 10 and Jane Hargreaves with eight. For D'Youville, Barbara Gipson had 15 and Pam Covell had 14.

APPLIED PRESSURE

Roles reversed in the second half as D'Youville applied pressure, keeping Niagara from scoring until 16:06. At one point, Niagara only led by one, as D'Youville fought back from its halftime deficit.

NIAGARA DEFENDS

But the Knights slowly regained composure, completing passes for scores, and getting under the boards to grab rebounds; they stretched their lead to 36-27 with 14 minutes remaining.

The Knights' strong defence proved itself again as they held D'Youville at 29 points for five minutes. Excellent ballhandling and communication highlighted the second half for the Knights as well as their ability to find the open player for the baskets.

The Knights prevailed in a game designed to prepare the team for upcoming games against some top, competitive teams.

Knights' coach Mizette Critelli said "turnovers are still costly" for the team, and "more discipline" is needed when facing other teams. She was concerned with working the pressure, something they worked on during their many practices before the game; she said "the pressure worked."

Niagara had a busy practice schedule to prepare them for their next game Saturday against top-ranked St. Clair College from Windsor; the game was to be held at the college gym last Saturday.

Let's run around together.
PARTICIPACTION
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Games announced

Sports sign being posted to give teams exposure

By the end of the week a permanent sign will be erected in the athletic department announcing varsity games.

"There is not enough exposure (for sports) through posters," Dave Rapelje, Student Administrative Council's vice-president of external affairs, told the SAC meeting Feb. 2. The sign will let everyone know when the games are.

The sign is being posted outside the gym because people in the gym area are interested in athletics and are more likely to attend the games," Dave said.

The sign is being sponsored by SAC but is being maintained by the athletic department.

Appearing -LIVE- THIS FEBRUARY
WELLAND HOTEL THUNDERDOME ROCK

9	10	11
Ziggy's Pub Night ~ 10¢ wing's	Talent Contest ~ $50 first prize	House Band ~ ThunderDome
12	13	14
Yuk - Yuk's ~ Comedy	Mid-night Ramblers ~ The Rolling Stones	Universal Juveniles ~ Kim Mitchell

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Feminism, chauvinism clash on stage

By Martin Pokol
Staff Writer

There is no difference between a feminist or a chauvinist; they are both blinded by their own belligerent attitudes towards the people that surround them.

The Tomorrow Box, a play by Anne Chislett playing at the Playhouse, Brock Centre for the Arts, shows the clash of attitudes between the small town chauvenistic way of life on the farm and the feminist lawyer from the big city.

It would be wrong to say that this is a feminist play, because it portrays the ruthlessness of people's own ambition through using people.

The play was down to earth with a pertinent message for all. Set in the farmlands of Ontario, the play with its homogenous cast and its well balanced script about the clash between the old values and the new.

Just because a person marries does not mean the wife has to be treated like a slave by the family. This point is made clear when Alice (Angela Gei), a newlywed, begins to be treated like a possission by her husband instead of a human being.

The humor was balanced by seriousness throughout the show. Lisa (Mary Anne Coles), the feminist actor as Mrs. Cooper thought, is in reality the active feminist, who smoked and drank alcohol.

Even the crowd found things to cheer about as one person in the audience clapped when Alice and her husband, Joe Cooper (Donnie Bowes) were arguing. He said, "I won't be cross-examined after working a hard physical day; all I want is peace and quiet when I come home."

The play's focus was on women's rights when it comes down to selling the family farm. Joe's father, played by Ronald Ewer, didn't think to ask his wife if she wanted to sell the family farm to his son and move to Florida for their retirement. Lisa, Alice's sister, wanted to take Mrs. Cooper's case because she felt Mrs. Cooper's rights were violated.

But, through all of the arguing, Mrs. Cooper (Jenny Turner) realized her own selfworth, that she did contribute to the running of the farm. Mr. Cooper gave her the ultimate decision, go to Florida with him or stay behind. She decided to stay behind giving up 40 years of marriage.

The play had a good mixture of thought-provoking intensity combined with humor, making a serious problem funny and enjoyable to watch.

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SWEETHEART MESSAGES

IS THERE ONE HERE FOR YOU?

To: Dad & Evelyn From: Anne
(your favorite valentine)

Love ya and I'm glad you are there for me. Give me a hug and a kiss and I will be there forever for you. Luv ya lots.

To: JR From: Susan

The best lookin guy ever thanks for understanding two for a tub?

To: Mom From: Susan

Thanks for being my MOM. I love you. Your Daughter.

To: Everyone From: Bobbie

I'll always cherish this time we spent together have a good party for the rest of your life. Love ya all.

To: My cool family! From: Donna

My wish to you for a happy and exciting Valentine's Day! Hugs and Love. P.S. THANKS!

To: Hernandez Family From Suzanne

Happy Valentine's Day to mommy & daddy, Steve, Daren, Maria,Calina, lots of love! XO

To: Jodi Ventresca From: Mom

Roses are Red , Violets are Blue,
I don't know what life would be like without YOU.

To: T&J From: Crisp &Chewy

You've rummied us. We'll pay up with our vertical smiles. Remember, grasp firmly and shake vigourously before using.

To: Sugardrawers From:Baby Cakes

Roses are Yellow, Violets are Blue
your belly is made of jello but I still love you.

To: My Honey From: Your "Baby Girl"

Dreams of you....
Through clouds in the sky....
Wonders of happiness....
Keep flying by...

To: TRS From: LAC

I'll bring "the milk duds", you bring the milk! Love Ya!

To: F From: N

Meet you at Gord's friday be there!

To: A.J & WAYNE

Happy Valentines Day,
From your Favorite dinner companion. Lots of Hugs
Kimi XOXO

To: Colin, Jeff, and George

Yo Dudes
Happy valentines Day from your cute beach friend love
Jennifer XX P.S. B.C. is better.

To: Bumpkins From: Snuggle Bunny

Like Jimm Z's surfin Gotcha in Jams
Way to cool chick! So like hey visit me!

To: Sweetie From: ?

Thinking of you in every way
I'd like to wish you a happy valentines day
Love always.

To: Mike Schalk From: Your car Friend

May your car always run as fast as it can.
And may you always be greeted in the morning with a smile like mine XOXO

To: Breakfast Club From: The Landlady

My house Saturday 4:30 a.m.

To: My Guy From: Your Gal

All the best from the west;
and the south, north and east,
the four corners of my heart.

To: David Doan From: Mom

My son is like a breath of fresh air, cherub cheeks, small nose, blond hair, Always a smile upon his face, For his presence I say daily grace.

To: Mel From: Dianne

You started my friend,
became my husband and
lover you are my sweet-"hart"
Forever.

To: M. From: Mr. L

Roses are red violets are blue
I dress the best,
Especially for you.

To: Anne From: it's a secret

You know me but you ignore me,
please let my heart be yours!
love & kisses.

To: My Elephant From: Your best Friend

Thanks for showing me how to see the good things in life.
Heres to Venezuala and our first fight.

To: Donna Morrison From: Your best friend

May your days be bright and your life be long Joy to you and those you know luv ya
XXX

To: Papa From: Kelly

Hugs'n Kisses to my favorite friend.
Wishing you peace and quiet until next year

To: Mom & Dad From: Phil

Thanks for always being there when I needed you. Love Always.